



The Leys Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Friday 20th September 2024

Star of the Week	
Class	Pupil
Murphy	Somith
Benjamin	Poppy
Kerr	Achim
Bryon	Roman
Donaldson	Archie
Soundar	Jaahnvi
Dahl	Nicholas
Gavin	Aaradhya
Mante	Hannah
Morpurgo	Obrempong
Riordan	Olivia
Zephaniah	Ani
Malala	Chelsea
Blackman	Olly



Times Tables Leaders
Well done to...

1. Benson
2. Stacia
3. Toni

For most improved time
(playing in the Studio
area) over the past 7
days

DATES COMING UP!
(please note all dates are
subject to change)

- 23 - 27 Sep Bikeability Year 5 & 6
- 7 Oct Flu vaccination visit
- 10 Oct National Poetry Day
- 16 Oct Phonics Workshop - Nursery Parents 9-10 am
- 17 Oct Phonics Workshop - Reception Parents 9.15 - 10.15am
- 18 Oct School Disco
- 24 Oct Non uniform PTA £1
- 24 Oct PTA meeting 3.15-4pm
- 25 Oct Inset Day
- 28 Oct - 1 Nov Half Term
- 3 Nov - 6 Nov Y6 - PGL
- 18 Nov Road Safety Week
- 21 Nov Y5 - School Trip
- 22 Nov Movie Night
- 29 Nov Enterprise Day
- 2 Dec Occasional Day
- 6 Dec Whole School Stay and Play 2.30 - 3.15pm
- 17 Dec Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- 20 Dec Last Day of Term School finishes at 1.30pm
- 23 Dec - 3 Jan 2025 Christmas holiday
- 6 Jan 2025 - Inset Day
- 7 Jan - New Term Starts

Kindness Award

Kindness Award Dawnie

Headteachers Awards

Year 2 Mia M and Charlie S

Attendance Wheel of Reward

Each week in assembly the wheel will be spun for the **most improved class attendance**



Be here to have a go!

This week's winners & rewards:

Benjamin - Eat Cake

Soundar - Class Disco

Mante - Yes day

Malala - Eat pizza

UPDATE

School Cabinet

In the past week, classes in Years 1 to 6 held a vote to determine who would be their representative on the school cabinet. The successful candidates are as follows:

- **Bryon** - Albie D
- **Kerr** - Louie C
- **Donaldson** - Alex C
- **Soundar** - Louie J
- **Dahl** - Tanith P
- **Gavin** - Gabriella C
- **Mante** - Marnie B
- **Morpurgo** - Muku N
- **Riordan** - Robert F
- **Zephaniah** - Trystan P
- **Blackman** - Jenson J
- **Malala** - Nellie M



The school cabinet plays a vital role in fostering pupil participation and leadership within the school community. The cabinet typically serves as a voice for students, allowing their perspectives and ideas to be communicated to school leadership. They will meet on a half-termly basis with Dr Christie, with their views then being taken to the school Senior Leadership Team for discussion.



Class: Riordan

Over the last few weeks Riordan class have been settling into Year 5. They have been impressing staff with their excellent behaviour and eagerness to learn.

So far they have enjoyed learning about coding in computing and Rick Riordan in English.

They seem to most be looking forward to starting ukulele lessons and their Geography topic on Eastern Europe. We are planning lots of exciting activities such as tasting Eastern European snacks, learning some Polish and Romanian and even making zapiekanka (Polish pizza) in DT.

Empathy

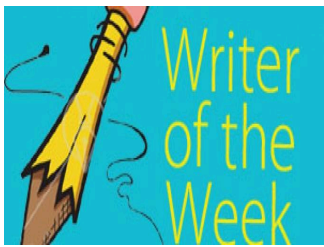
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Class: Soundar

What I didn't do over the holidays - A poem by Charlie S

I didn't go to the moon.
I didn't travel to outer space.
I didn't climb a volcano.
But I did go to Haven.

I didn't wrestle a rhino.
I didn't go to the moon.
I didn't ride a dinosaur.
But I did go swimming.



Whole school attendance target
= 97%

Whole school attendance this
week = 96.2%

Best class attendance this week
= Dahl



The Leys Have Talent

Please share your child's successes so we can celebrate together.



WELLBEING

Hertfordshire's emotional wellbeing support (early help services)

In addition to the in school support for mental health and wellbeing there is more support online and through other agencies. These are free resources for parents and children in Hertfordshire.

- The Sandbox (for 10-25-year-olds): [The Sandbox | Digital Mental Health Service \(mindler.co.uk\)](https://www.mindler.co.uk)
- With Youth (for 5-18-year-olds) including [online groups](https://www.withyouth.org) and Lumi Nova therapeutic game (designed for 7-12-year-olds): [withyouth.org](https://www.withyouth.org)
- NESSie parent/carer support service: [Parents/Carers landing page - NESSie IN ED, CIC](#)
- [Herts Haven Cafes](#) (for 10-18-year-olds) in person, drop-in support in Stevenage and other towns.
- Just Talk Herts information and signposting: [justtalkherts.org](https://www.justtalkherts.org), including [What's Next? Let's Just Talk about the Future \(justtalkherts.org\)](#)

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Find out about all these services and more at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/youthmentalhealth

Spiritual, Moral, Social 🏆, Cultural and British Values

In Blackman class, we are reading Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman. This has stirred up a debate within our class about whether pigs should be used as organ donors for humans. Here are some of the discussion points that have been raised;

- Yes - we should always be pushing the boundaries of what humans can do - Octavian
- No - What if something bad happens? We don't know enough. - Ava
- Yes - We could save a human life - humans are more important than pigs. - Joel
- Yes - People need to live. - Emma
- No - What if pig DNA was transferred to the human? Olivia
- Yes - We need to in order to give people a future. - Janelle
- No - Bringing up a pig to kill it is unfair. - Delilah

Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you must apply to start an infant or primary school (Reception class) in September 2025. The closing date for Reception class applications is 15 January 2025. You must still apply for a Reception place, even if you already have a place in the Nursery associated with your preferred school.

The Leys Primary and Nursery School is offering tours on:

- Monday 18th November 2024 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Thursday 21st November 2024 10am -11am
- Tuesday 26th November 2024 10am -11am
- Monday 9th December 2024 1.30pm -2.30pm
- Tuesday 10th December 2024 10am -11am

WE URGENTLY NEED TO APPOINT A SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT LEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you know anyone who would be interested in taking up this position?

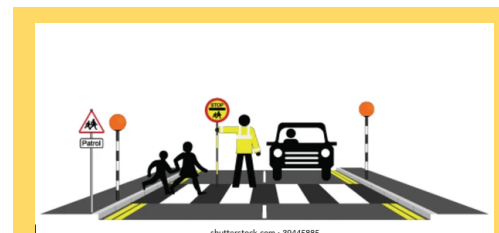
THE PAY IS £11.59 PER HOUR (excluding enhancements)

PLEASE CONTACT

Joanne Morris on 01992 556803

or e-mail The Active & Safer Travel Team

scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk



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Please have a look on the school grid for our amazing school dinner options. You can order your child's school lunch via the school grid at home. If you are unsure of your login details please contact the school office.



Before and After School Playground Safety Rules and Requirements.

For the health and safety of all our pupils, we kindly request that children do not use the external play equipment before and after school hours. Our play equipment is supervised and maintained during school hours to ensure it is used safely. However, outside of these hours, the equipment may not be supervised, and this could pose a safety risk.

Key Points to Remember:

- **Supervision:** The play equipment is designed to be used under the supervision of school staff during school hours.
- **Safety Checks:** Regular safety checks are conducted by our staff to ensure the equipment is safe to use. These checks are not performed outside of school hours.
- **Risk of Injury:** Without supervision, there is an increased risk of accidents and injuries.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our children safe. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your support.

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Info and advice

We're here for you, whatever's on our mind. We'll support you. Guide you. Help you make decisions that are right for you.

Our tips and techniques, ideas and inspiration, can help you feel more in control. And you can access them in your own time, at your own pace!

Term dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM

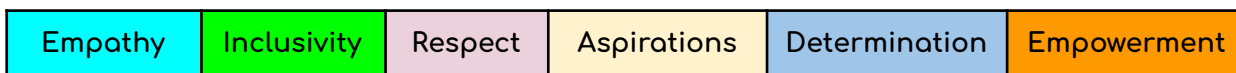
Start of term: 3 September 2024
 Inset day: 2 September 2024
 25 October 2024
 Term: 2 September - 25 October 2024
Half term holiday: 28 October - 1 November 2024
 Occasional day: 2 December 2024
 Term: 4 November - 20 December 2024
Christmas holiday: 23 December - 3 January 2025

SPRING TERM

Inset day: 6 January 2025
 Start of term: 7 January - 14 February 2025
Half term holiday: 17 February - 21 February 2025
 Term : 24 February- 4 April 2025
Easter holiday: 7 April - 21 April 2025

SUMMER TERM

Term: 22 April - 23 May 2025
 Bank Holiday: 5 May 2025
Half term holiday: 26 May - 30 May 2025
 Inset day: 2 June 2025
 23 July 2025
 Term: 2 June - 23 July 2025
Summer holiday: 24 July 2025 - 29 August 2025
Inset Days 2024 - 2025
 2 September 2024



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